GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS
Reddy Shri Mekapati Rajamohan

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any new policy to boost household savings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any special provision has been made for senior citizens for getting additional benefits in any scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: SHRUAYANTSINHA:

(a): Yes Sir, to address decline in savings rate and improve returns to small savers, Government has proposed to revitalise small savings.

(b) Kisan Vikas Patras have been reintroduced and notified. A scheme for Girl child to cater to requirements of education arid marriage have been notified. The Government has also enhanced annual investment ceiling on Public Provident Fund Scheme from Rs. 1.00 lakh to Rs. 1.50 lakh.

(c)& (d): Government is running `Senior Citizens Savings Scheme`.The rate of interest on small savings schemes has been aligned with G-Sec rates of similar maturity, with a spread of 25 basis points (bps) with exception of Senior Citizens Savings Scheme. The spread on Senior Citizens Savings Scheme is 100 bps.